

Delta Plan Five-Year Review Stakeholder Assessment and Next Steps

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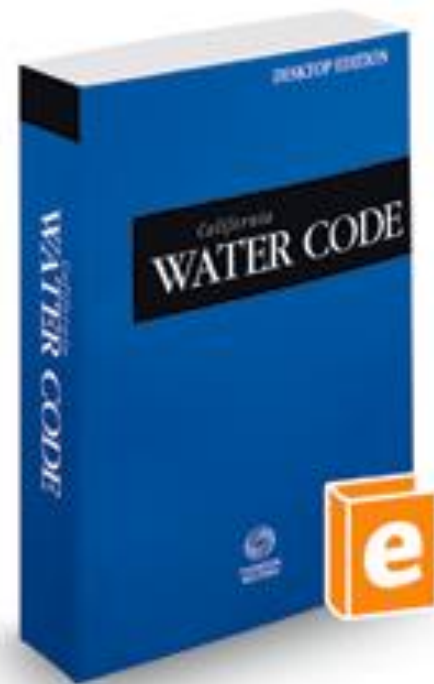
Today's Discussion

Delta Plan Five-Year Review update

Stakeholder assessment summary

Discussion and Council feedback

“The Council shall review the Delta Plan at least once every five years and may revise it as the Council deems appropriate...” (Water Code section 85300(c))



Five-Year Review Objectives

- Reflect on the written Plan and initial efforts to implement the Plan
- Develop a roadmap for potential future changes to the Plan and its implementation
- Identify areas of the Plan that could be reinforced, clarified, streamlined, or expanded to improve implementation
- Prioritize actions and an implementation timeline

Delta Plan Five-Year Review Process

- Initial staff assessment, sister agency chapter reviews and Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) survey (*complete*)
- **External Evaluation of Plan and Implementation Efforts (*complete: Today's focus*)**
- Assessment of the Delta Plan covered action process (*ongoing*).
- Additional assessment and analysis of the Delta Plan and Council implementation (*ongoing*).

Delta Plan Five-Year Review Deliverables

Highlights Report

Recommendations Report

Stakeholder Assessment

Gather Key Information Useful to Crafting Decisions

Interviews, Focus Groups

Public Meeting

Surveys



Timing

December 31, 2018 through February 13, 2019

Project overview & definitions provided in advance



INTERVIEWS

DECEMBER 31, 2018 THROUGH FEBRUARY 12, 2019
BY THE NUMBERS



31

of
Interviews,
Focus Groups
and Meetings



83

of
Individuals
Participating



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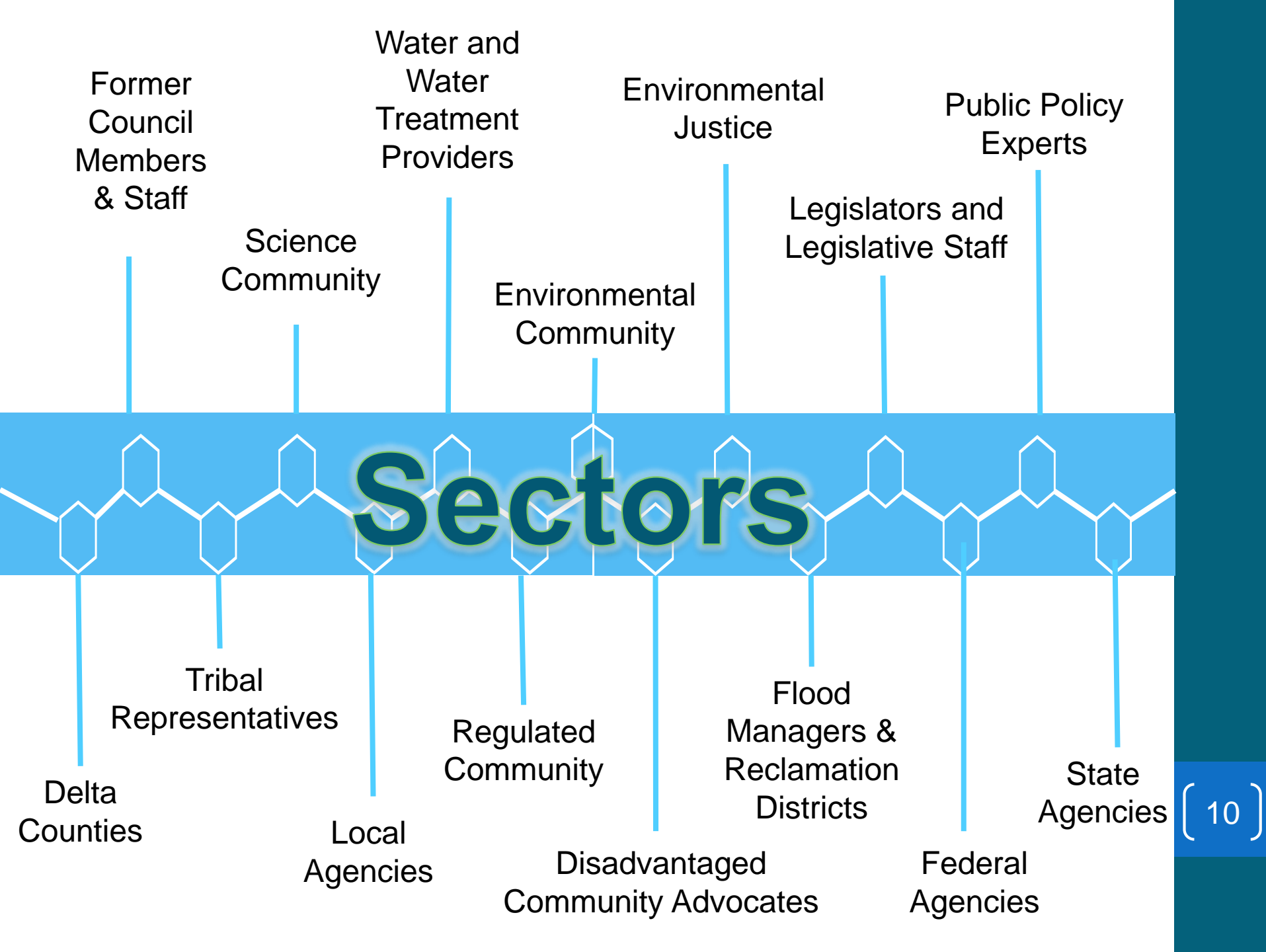
Length of
Interviews



17

Questions

Interview responses were compiled for reporting in the aggregate. The compilation outlines general trends, areas of convergence and divergence, and surfaces challenges and opportunities useful for incorporation into the Five-Year Review. The purpose of aggregation was to provide a greater opportunity for candor, particularly as many of those interviewed anticipate future interaction with the Council.



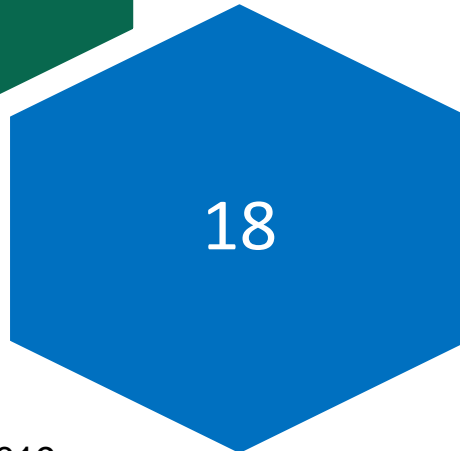
Survey By the Numbers



**Survey
Distribution**



Respondents



Questions

Conducted January 17 to February 13, 2019

Survey Respondents

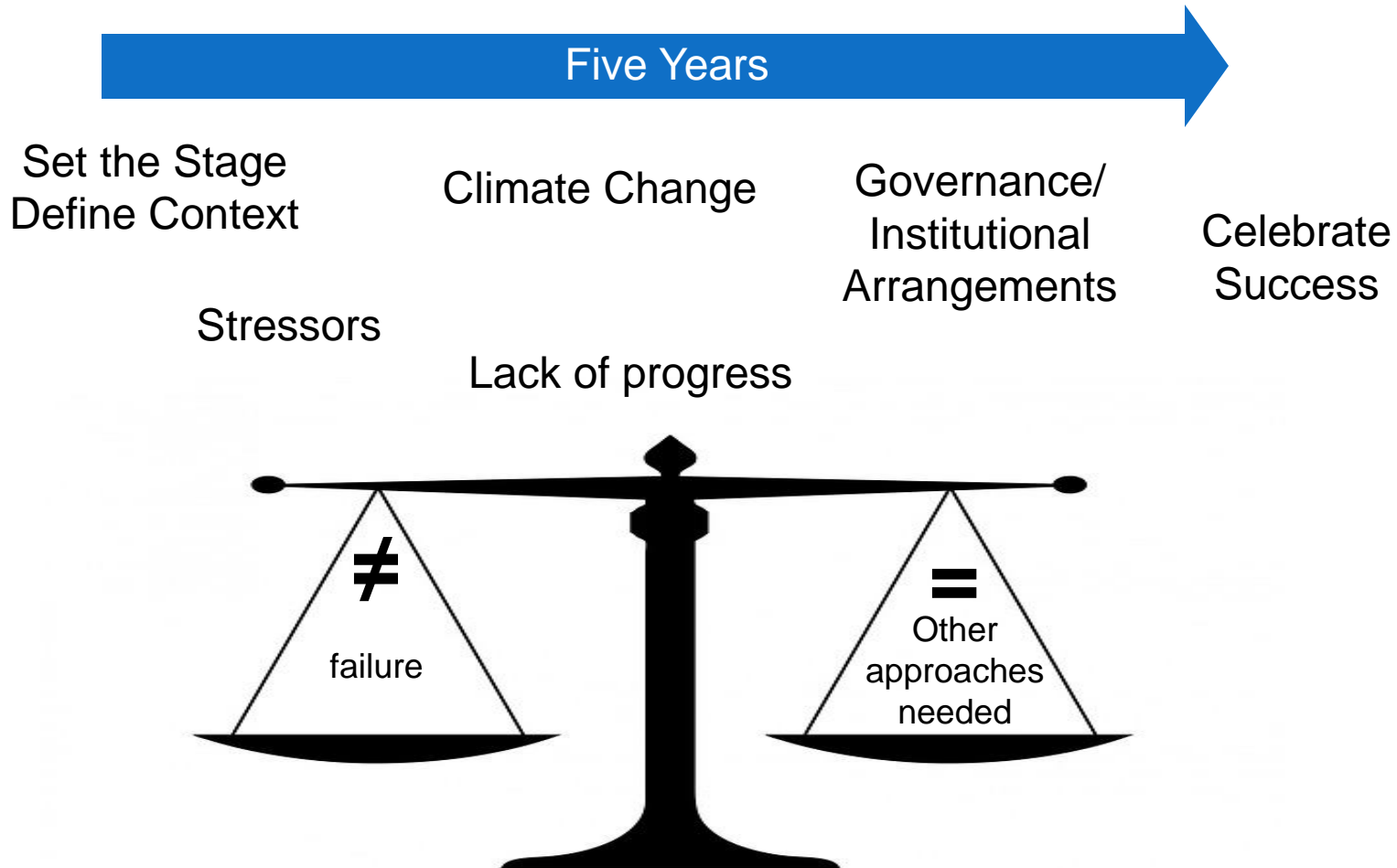
Concerned member of the public	48%
Current or past resident	38%
Recreate in the Delta	38%
Work in the agricultural sector (outside of the Delta)	26%
Provide consulting and/or technical services related to the Delta	19%
Work in a public water agency	17%
Work in another type of public agency	15%
Engage in government related advocacy	15%
Work in and/or own a Delta business	15%

Other: Work in non-governmental organization (10%), agricultural sector inside of the Delta (8%), non-public water management agency (3%), land management or environmental organization (3%), no role (2%), press (1%), and family relationships (1%)

Outreach Topics

- 🔑 Demographics
- 🔑 Alignment
- 🔑 Expectations
- 🔑 Delta Plan Success
- 🔑 Barriers to Success
- 🔑 Council Roles and Authorities (Consistency Process)
- 🔑 Performance Measures
- 🔑 Best Available Science
- 🔑 Adaptive Management
- 🔑 Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee
- 🔑 Suggestions for Improvement

Expectations



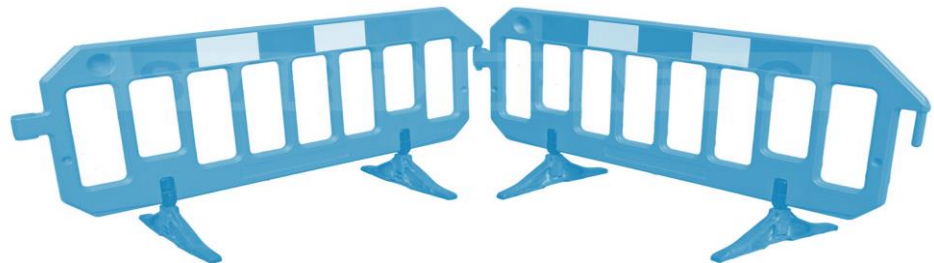
Coequal Goals

Significant divergence in thinking depending on stakeholder type

- Conveyance - Ecosystem
- Tri-equal goals
- Complexity
- Agriculture - Ecosystem
- Agriculture - Conveyance

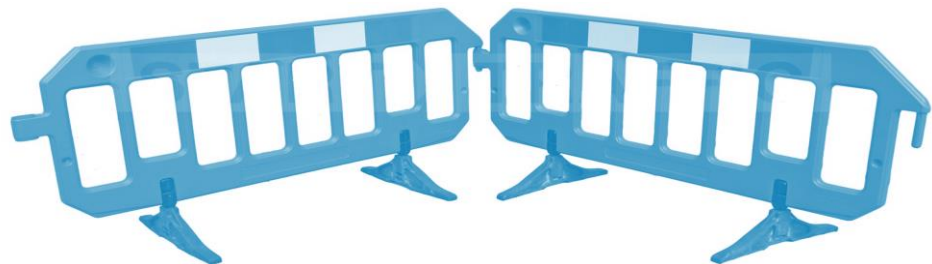
Barriers

- Social dynamics
- Lack of understanding of complex efforts like EcoRestore
- Lack of clear objectives
- Lack of definition related to “reduced reliance” on the Delta
- Implementation measurement
- Context, how to move forward



Barriers (continued)

- Jurisdictional conflicts
- Language, terminology, and phrases need definition and clarity
- Water rights
- Local planning issues
- Local agency inclusion
- Funding



Best Available Science

- Overall positive perspectives
- Independence
- Need for alignment with decision-making
- Need for alignment with agency science
- Need to expand science portfolio (social science and process for Traditional Ecological Knowledge)
- Funding

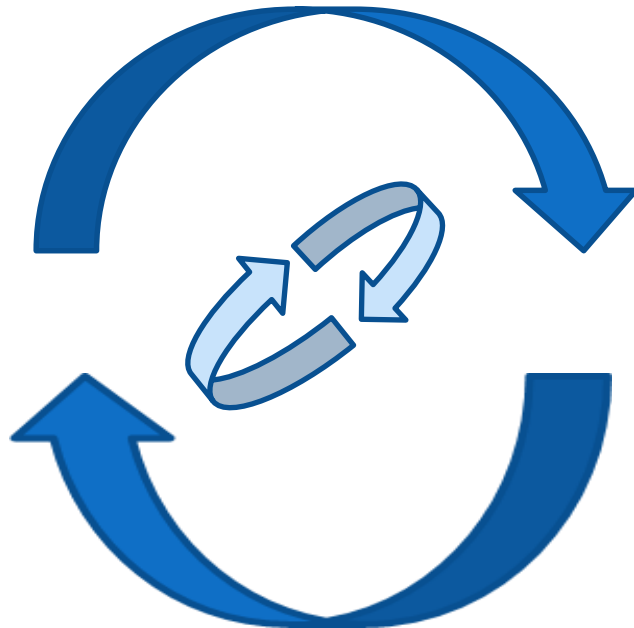


Adaptive Management

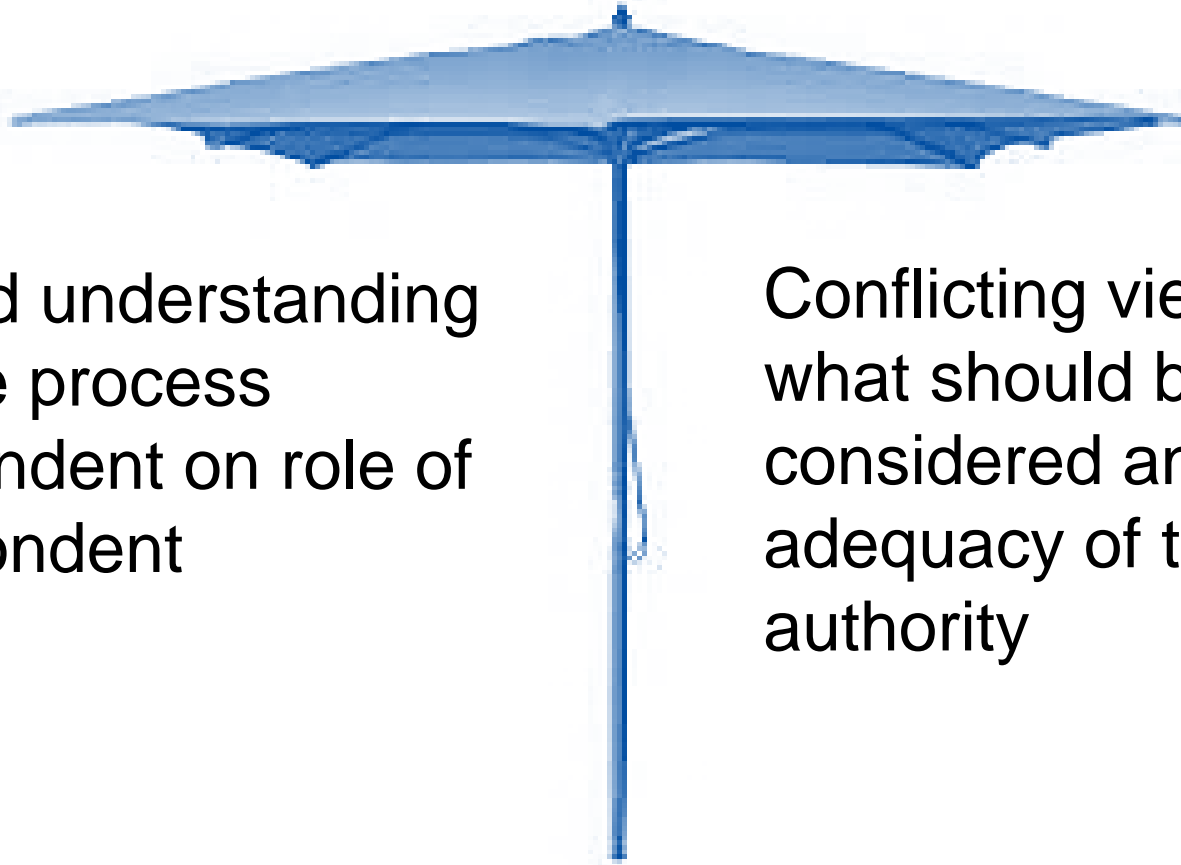
General agreement on the need

Issues of implementation

Tension with taking action without certainty



Regulatory Authority & Covered Action certification process



Mixed understanding
of the process
dependent on role of
respondent

Conflicting views on
what should be
considered and
adequacy of the
authority

Performance Measures*

- Low familiarity
- Lack of direct ownership
- Multiple views on the actual measures
 - Mixed levels of measures (process v. outcome)
 - Timeframe for measurement and tie to monitoring and adaptive management
 - Need for refresh as knowledge improves



*Survey initiated prior to launch of the output/outcome performance tracker

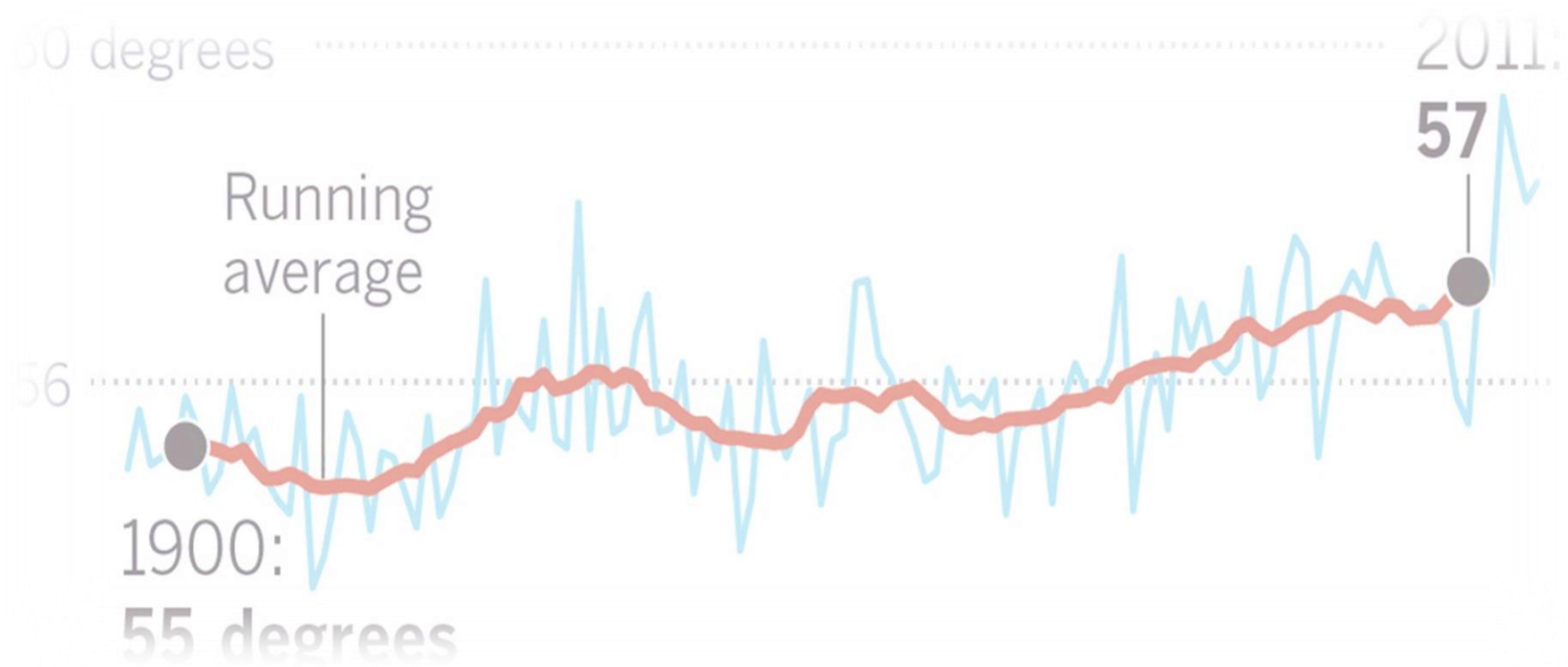
Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC)

- Great promise, lower performance
- Meeting frequency
- Structural issues of executives serving in a working group capacity and deployment of collaboration from top to bottom
- Competition with other priorities



Special Issues

Climate Change



Governance

Representation

Accessibility



Survey Insights

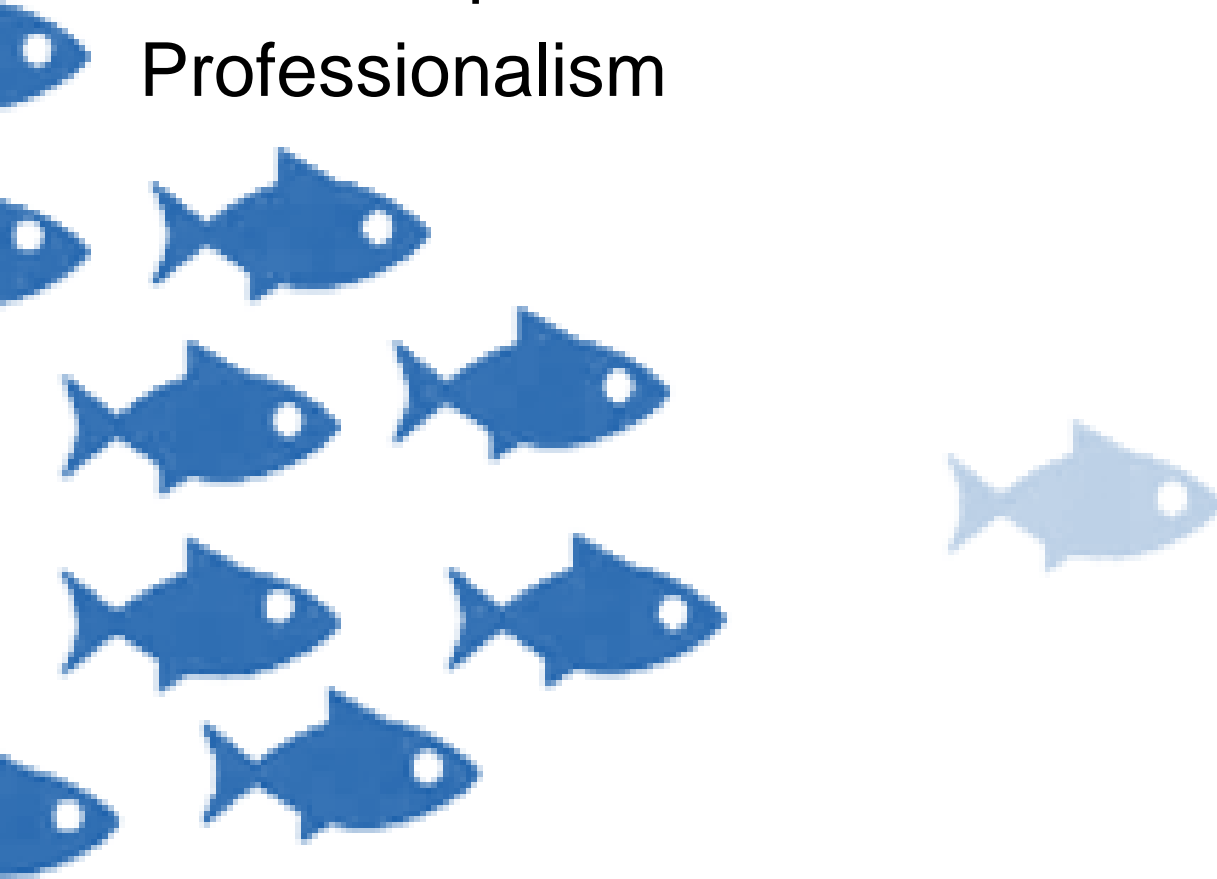
Survey insights



Implementation

Leadership

Professionalism



Five-Year Alignment with Other Council Activities

We heard several issues/themes from stakeholders that are already being addressed by other Council Projects:

- The structure and focus of the DSP (Delta Science Plan Update)
- General public awareness related to Council processes and roles (Public Participation Plan)
- Climate Change (Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan)